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Senator Bruce Patterson  
Michigan State Senate  
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Dear Senator Patterson:

On behalf of all five of the operating ethanol producers in Michigan, along with the biodiesel industry, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 92, which will eliminate an unreasonable regulatory burden on renewable fuel producers in this state.

Currently the remaining liquids from the ethanol production process – called syrup – that do not contain any dangerous or harmful materials, only water and corn solids can be transported for feed purposes by any liquid carrier.

When that material is hauled to a methane digester for example, we are required by the Department of Environmental Quality to use a licensed industrial waste hauler. This bill will eliminate this requirement.

In addition, those that produce biodiesel using so-called yellow grease (waste cooking fat from restaurants, etc.) are currently required to use an industrial waste hauler to gather this material for their process. This bill will also eliminate this requirement.

We support SB 92 as reported from the Senate Energy and Technology Committee, and ask for your support as well.

Addressing this transportation requirement will help not only the ethanol and biodiesel producers, but also new fledgling methane production industry, as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if I can provide additional information or answer any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

James E. Byrum, President

cc: Senator Ray Basham  
Kim Rhead, Karoub and Associates  
Michigan Ethanol Producers